

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicant amends claims 1, 3, 8-10, 13, and 14. Applicant also cancels claims 2 and 4 without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, claims 1, 3, and 5-39 are all the claims pending in the application, of which claims 15-39 are withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Lonnfors et al. (U.S. Patent 6,757,722, hereinafter “Lonnfors”).

Claims 1, 3, 9, 10, 13, and 14, in one form or another recite, *inter alia*, “a presence change rule storing means for storing a presence change rule...wherein said presence change rule comprises a conditional expression for the presence value of said presentity other than said presentity, and a change of value for the presence information of the presentities in which the change in value is applied if the conditional expression is satisfied.” Applicant respectfully submits that Lonnfors fails to teach or suggest this claimed feature. There is no teaching or suggestion of a “presence change presence change rule” that comprises a “conditional expression.” Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 3, 9, 10, 13, 14, and their dependent claims would not have been anticipated by Lonnfors for at least these reasons.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 6 and 12 rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Lonnfors and in view of Salomaki et al. (WO 02/093959, hereinafter “Salomaki”).

Claims 6 and 12 depend on claims 3 and 10, respectively, and incorporate all the features of claims 3 and 10. Salomaki is cited merely for teaching managing a presence database. Applicant respectfully submits that, even if Lonnfors and Salomaki could have somehow been combined, the combination of Lonnfors and Salomaki would still fail to teach or suggest all the

features in claims 3 and 10, and hence claims 6 and 12, as discussed above. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 6 and 12 would not have been rendered unpatentable by the combination of Lonnfors and Salomaki for at least these reasons.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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